THE SPACE KITE
as told by
REDDY KILOWATT®

AW GEE.

KITES ARE FUN AND THERE IS A TIME TO FLY 'EM! LET'S JOIN WILLIE AND DAFFY AS THEY VISIT PROFESSOR NED AND HIS BIG SURPRISE.

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2. USE DRY COTTON STRING, not Metal
3. NEVER USE METAL ON KITES, or Kite Tails
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RESTRICT AREA

ARE YOU GONNA TAKE US THROUGH YOUR LABORATORY, UNCLE NED?

SURE WILLIE... COME IN.

ARE YOU WORKING ON A GUIDED MISSILE, UNC?

SURE AM. IN FACT I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH A BIG KITE SURPRISE!

HAW! LET'S BUILD A SPACE KITE.

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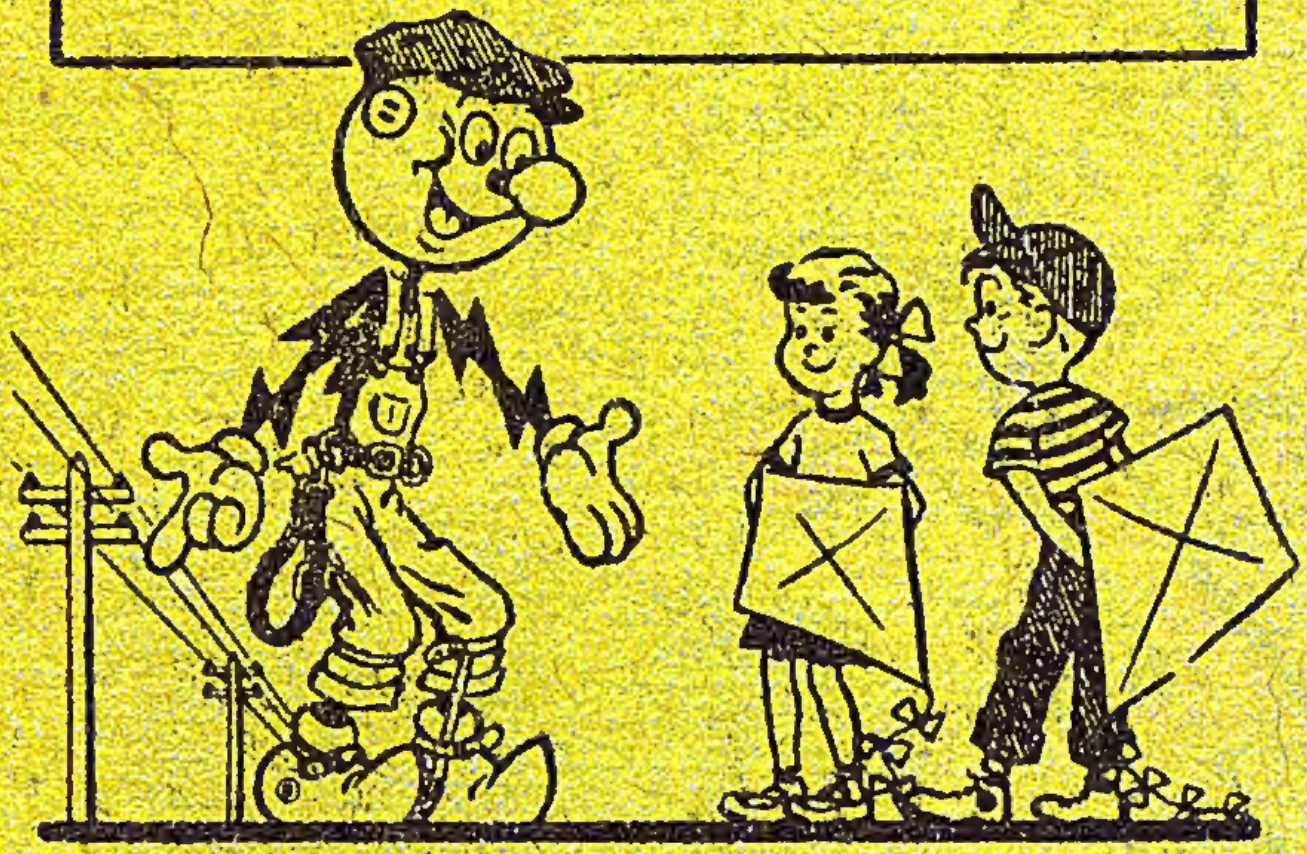
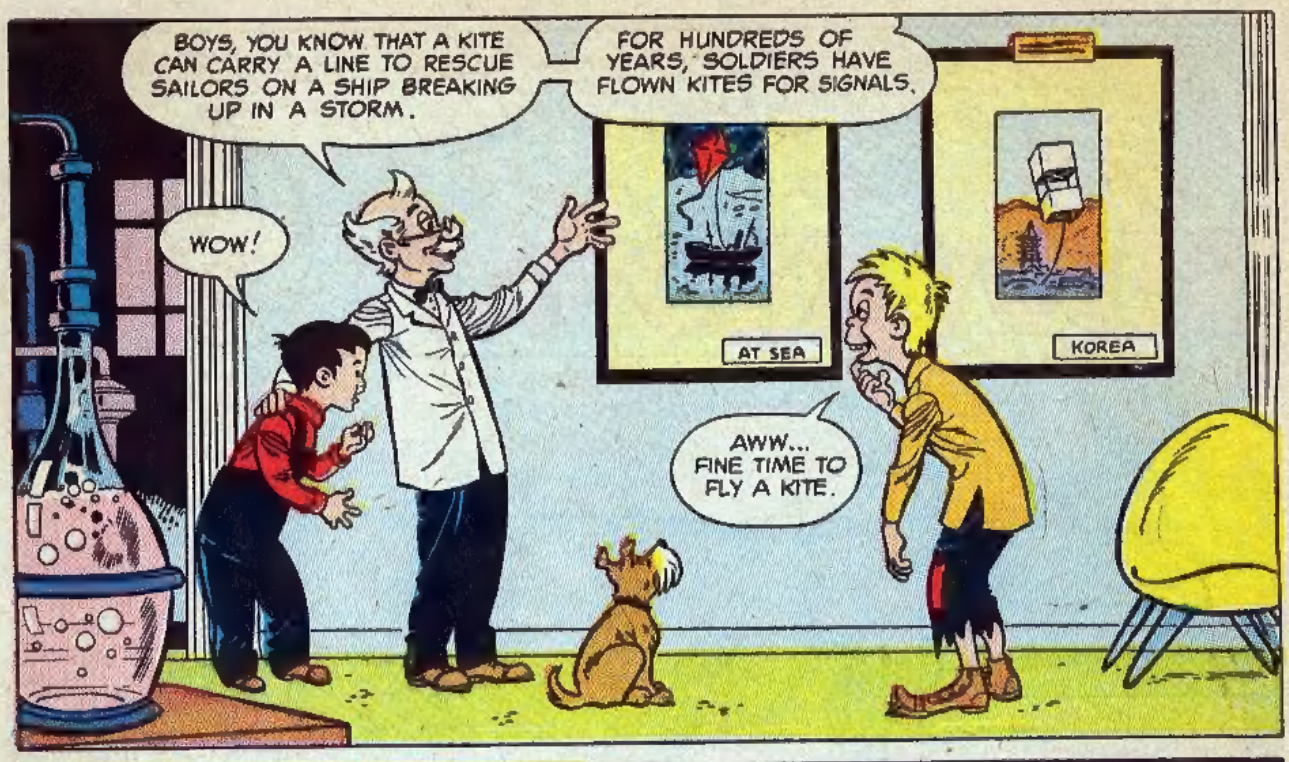
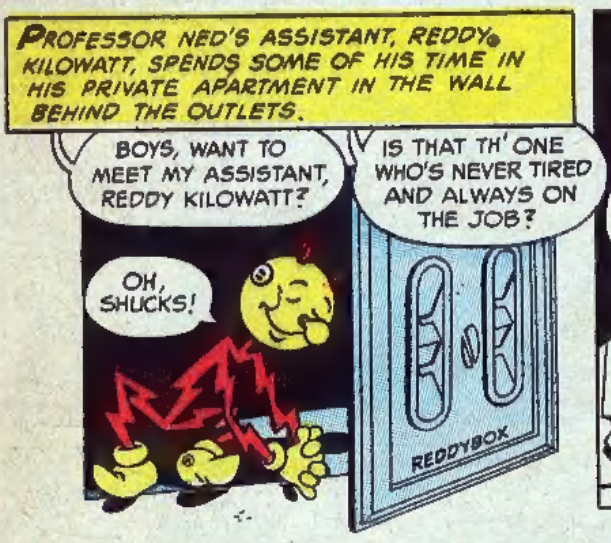
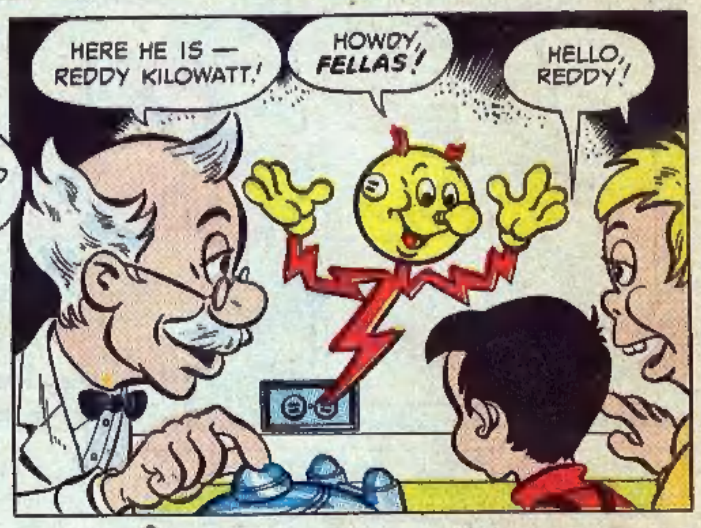
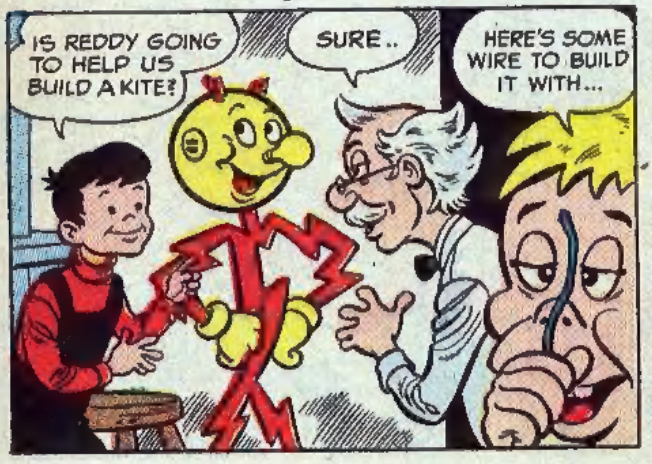
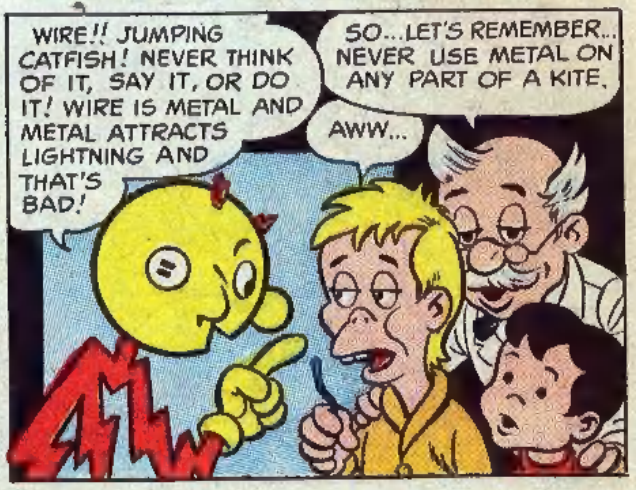


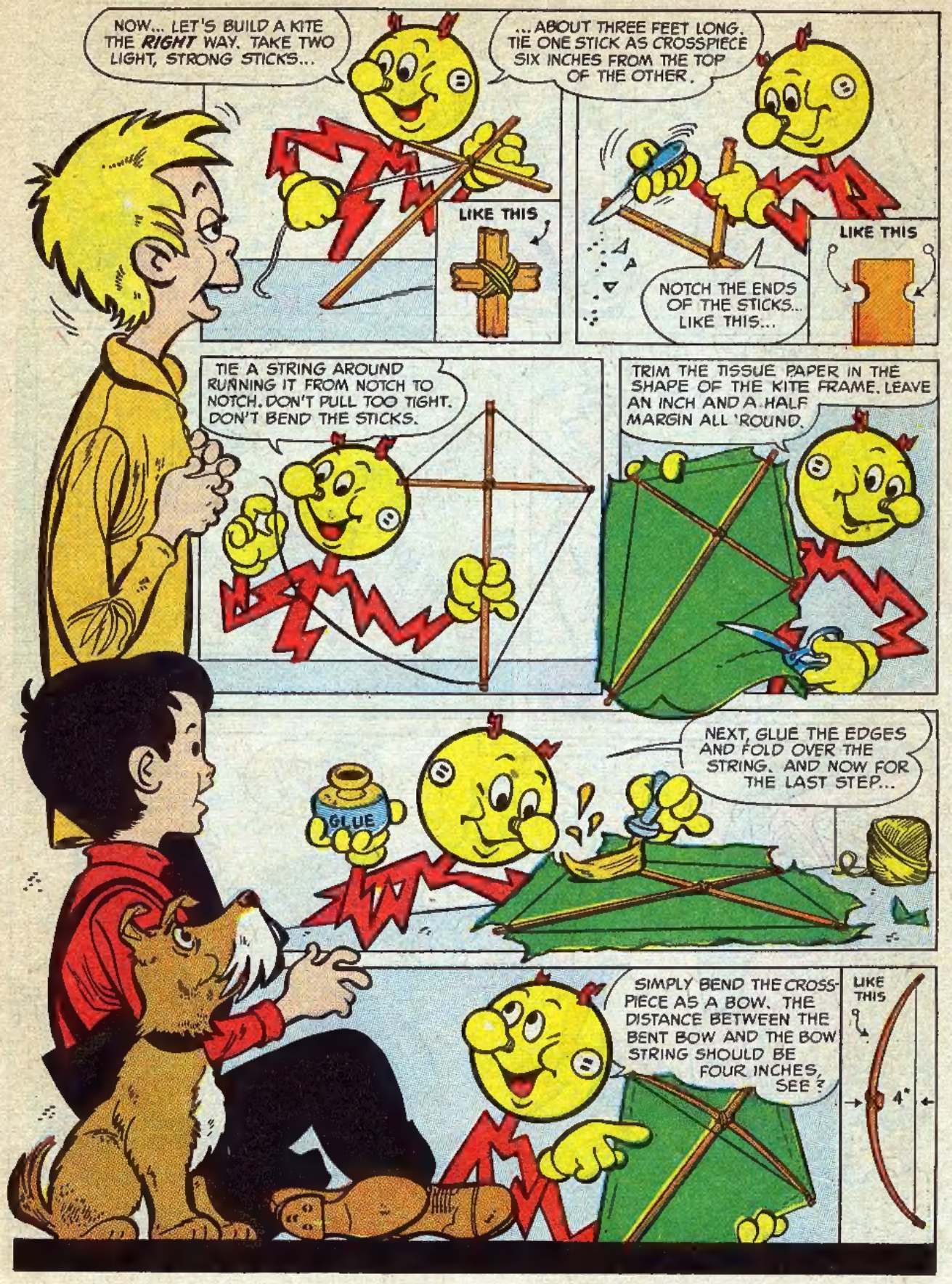

BOYS, YOU KNOW THAT A KITE CAN CARRY A LINE TO RESCUE SAILORS ON A SHIP BREAKING UP IN A STORM.
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, SOLDIERS HAVE FLOWN KITES FOR SIGNALS.
WOW!
AT SEA
KOREA
AWW... FINE TIME TO FLY A KITE.

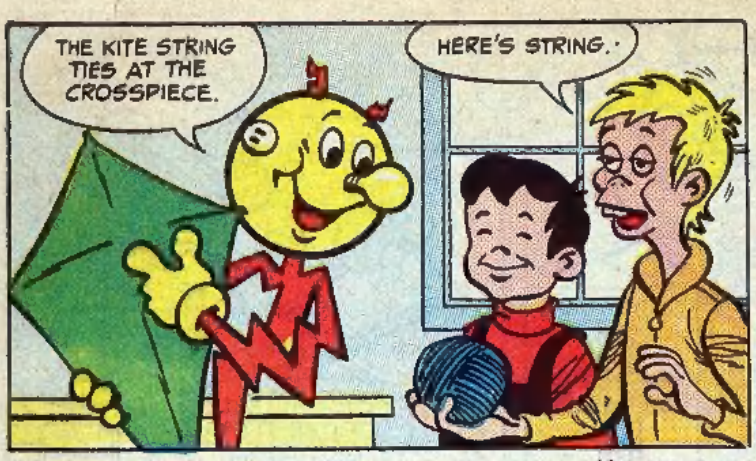

PROFESSOR NED'S ASSISTANT, REDDY KILOWATT, SPENDS SOME OF HIS TIME IN HIS PRIVATE APARTMENT IN THE WALL BEHIND THE OUTLETS.
BOYS, WANT TO MEET MY ASSISTANT, REDDY KILOWATT?
IS THAT TH' ONE WHO'S NEVER TIRED AND ALWAYS ON THE JOB?
OH, SHUCKS!
REDDYBOX


HERE HE IS — REDDY KILOWATT!
HOWDY, FELLAS!
HELLO, REDDY!


IS REDDY GOING TO HELP US BUILD A KITE?
SURE..
HERE'S SOME WIRE TO BUILD IT WITH...

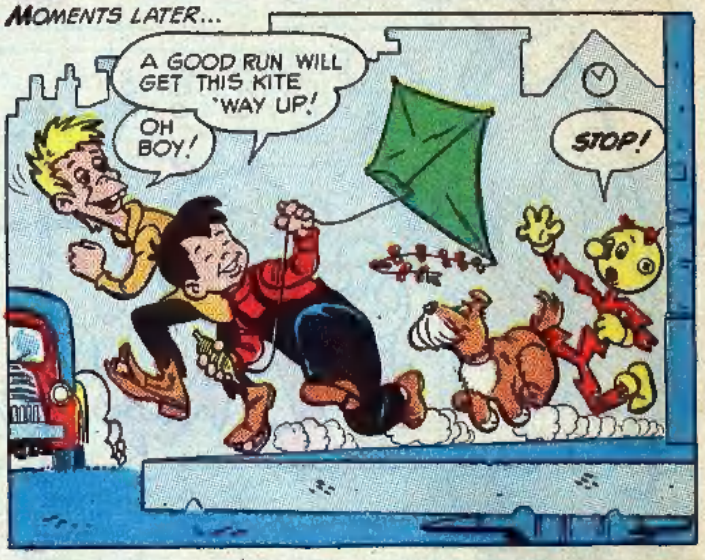

WIRE!! JUMPING CATFISH! NEVER THINK OF IT, SAY IT, OR DO IT! WIRE IS METAL AND METAL ATTRACTS LIGHTNING AND THAT'S BAD!
SO...LET'S REMEMBER... NEVER USE METAL ON ANY PART OF A KITE.
AWW...

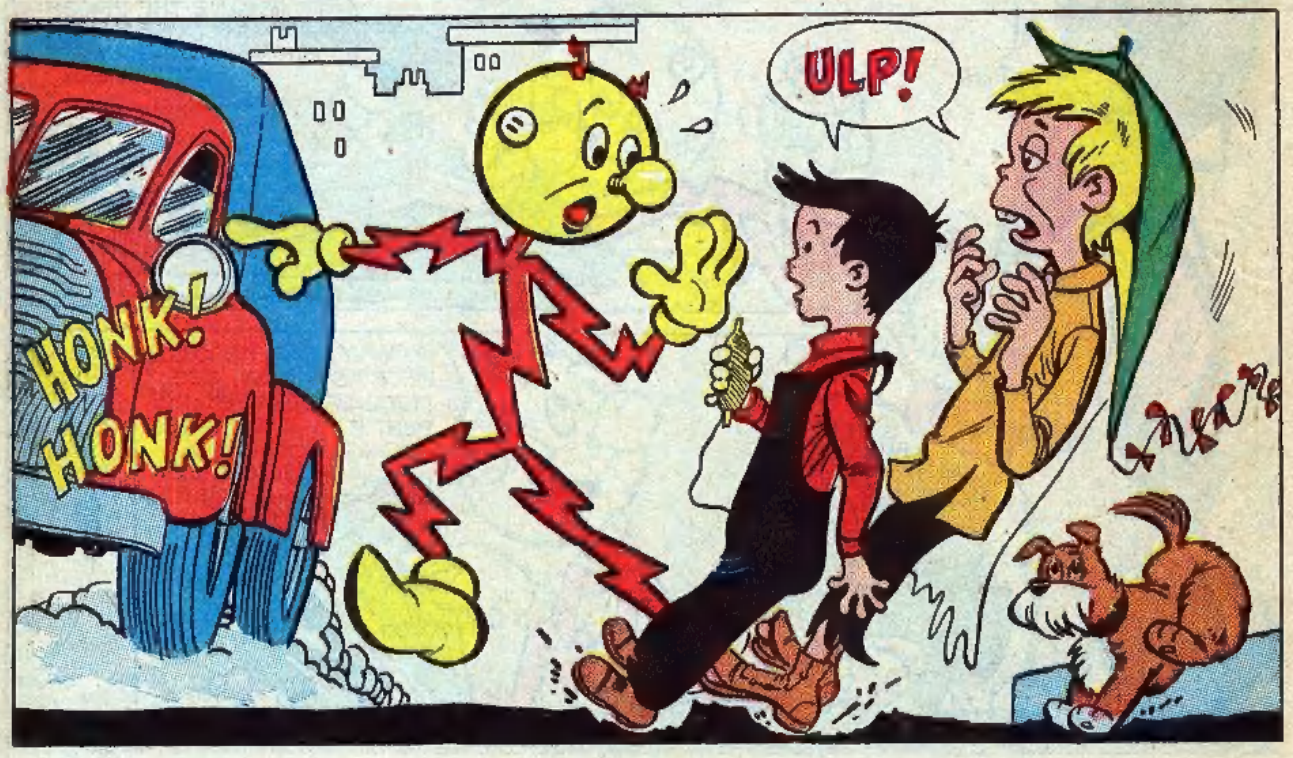

NOW... LET'S BUILD A KITE THE *RIGHT* WAY. TAKE TWO LIGHT, STRONG STICKS...
LIKE THIS
...ABOUT THREE FEET LONG. TIE ONE STICK AS CROSSPIECE SIX INCHES FROM THE TOP OF THE OTHER.
NOTCH THE ENDS OF THE STICKS... LIKE THIS...
LIKE THIS
TIE A STRING AROUND RUNNING IT FROM NOTCH TO NOTCH. DON'T PULL TOO TIGHT. DON'T BEND THE STICKS.
TRIM THE TISSUE PAPER IN THE SHAPE OF THE KITE FRAME. LEAVE AN INCH AND A HALF MARGIN ALL 'ROUND.
GLUE
NEXT, GLUE THE EDGES AND FOLD OVER THE STRING. AND NOW FOR THE LAST STEP...
SIMPLY BEND THE CROSS-PIECE AS A BOW. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BENT BOW AND THE BOW STRING SHOULD BE FOUR INCHES, SEE?
LIKE THIS
4"


THE KITE STRING TIES AT THE CROSSPIECE.
HERE'S STRING.

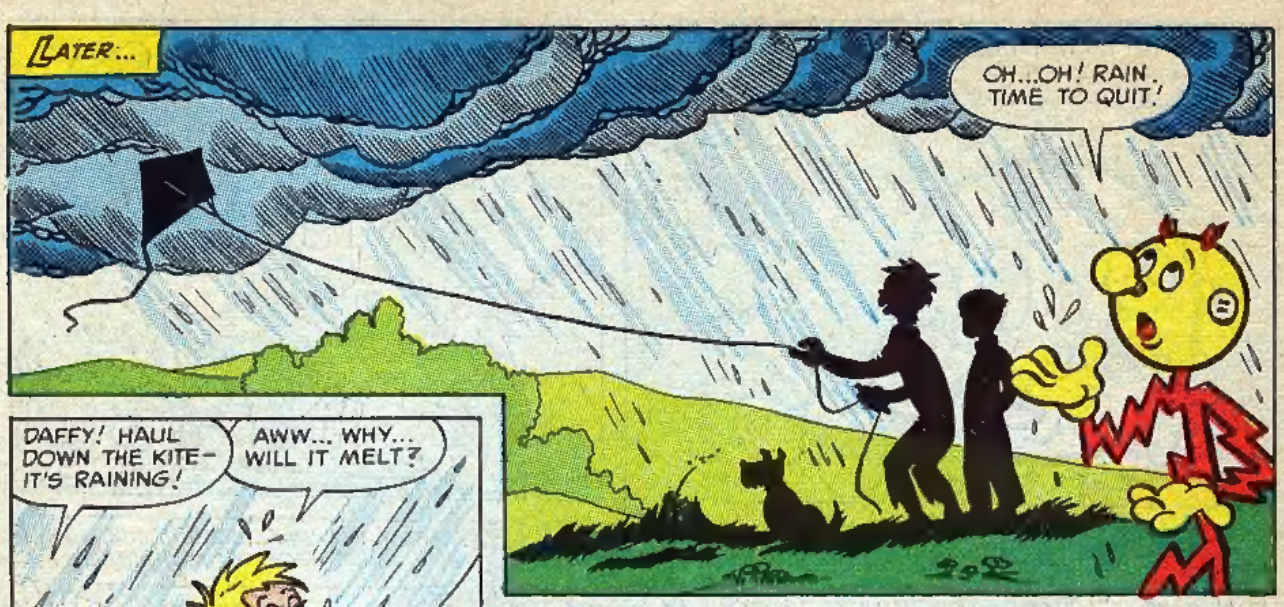
NO... THIS IS TINSEL CORD—AND TINSEL IS METAL. COTTON OR NYLON STRING IS SAFE FOR KITE FLYING.

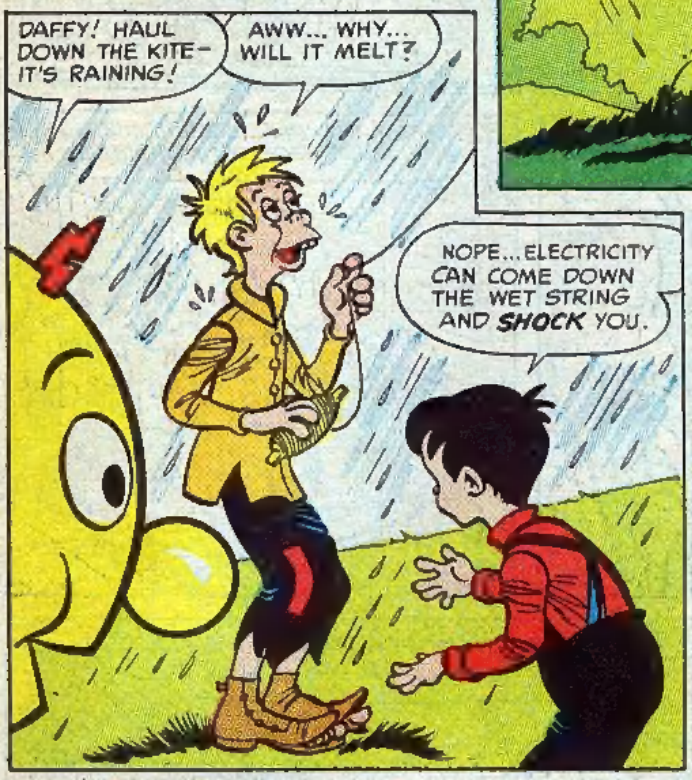
WE'RE READY TO GO!
LET ME FLY IT, REDDY!


MOMENTS LATER...
A GOOD RUN WILL GET THIS KITE 'WAY UP!
OH BOY!
STOP!

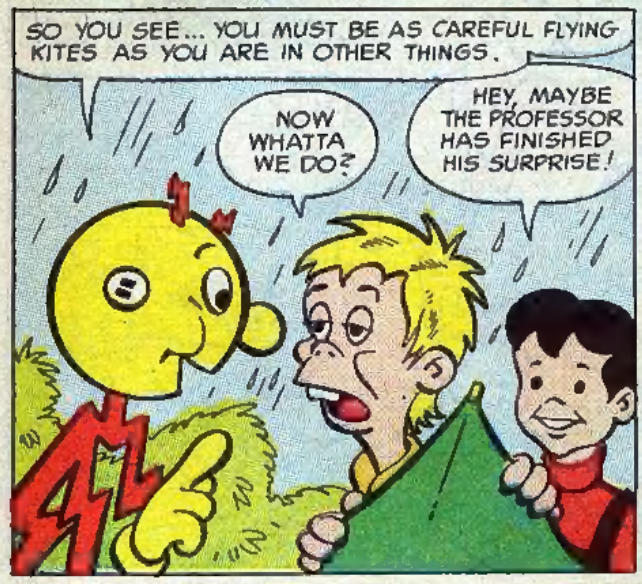

ULP!
HONK! HONK!

A STREET IS NOT THE PLACE TO FLY A KITE.
HEY, REDDY, LOOK!
HEY! LOOK! A KITE FOR ME!
NEVER CLIMB POLES FOR ANY REASON. NO KITE IS WORTH A BAD FALL ...OR A BAD SHOCK.
REMEMBER, DON'T GO NEAR WIRES. IF YOUR KITE GETS CAUGHT IN POWER LINES...LEAVE IT THERE!
AND BY THE WAY... KEEP YOUR KITE AWAY FROM TV ANTENNAS.
A PARK OR AN OPEN FIELD IS THE PLACE TO FLY KITES... LIKE THAT FIELD.

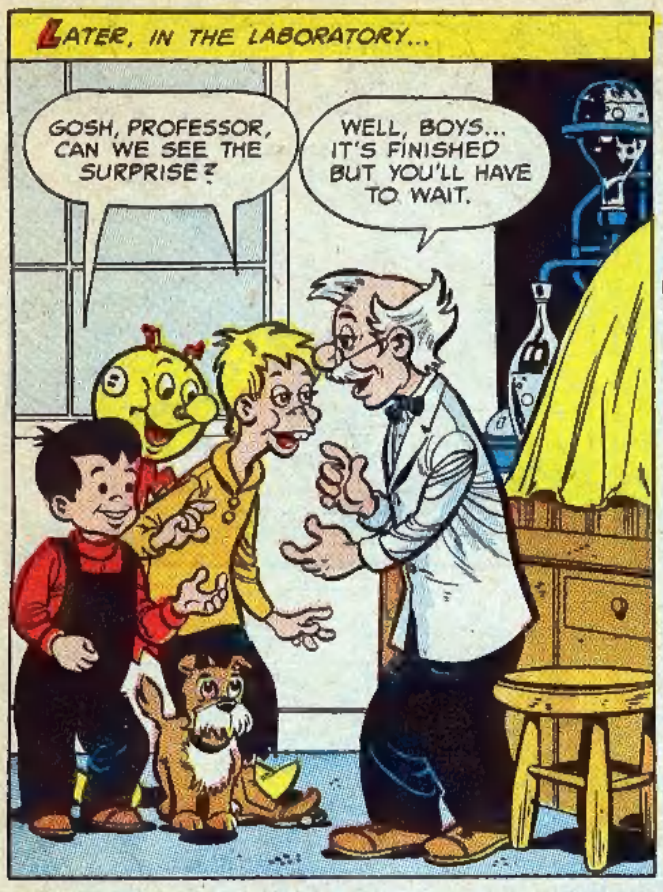

LATER...
OH...OH! RAIN. TIME TO QUIT!

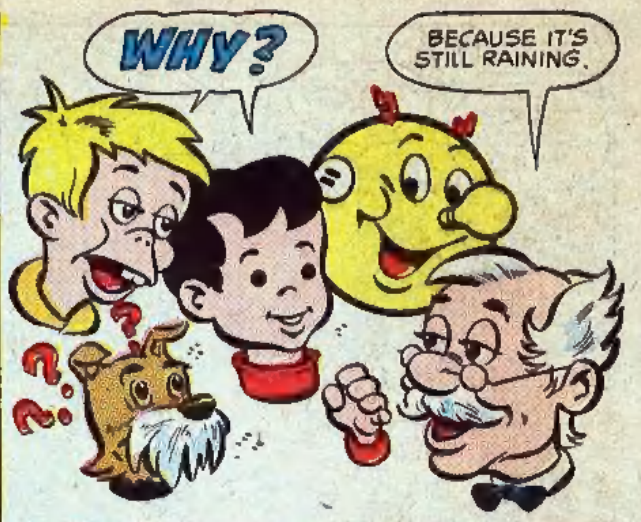

DAFFY! HAUL DOWN THE KITE— IT'S RAINING!
AWW... WHY... WILL IT MELT?
NOPE...ELECTRICITY CAN COME DOWN THE WET STRING AND SHOCK YOU.

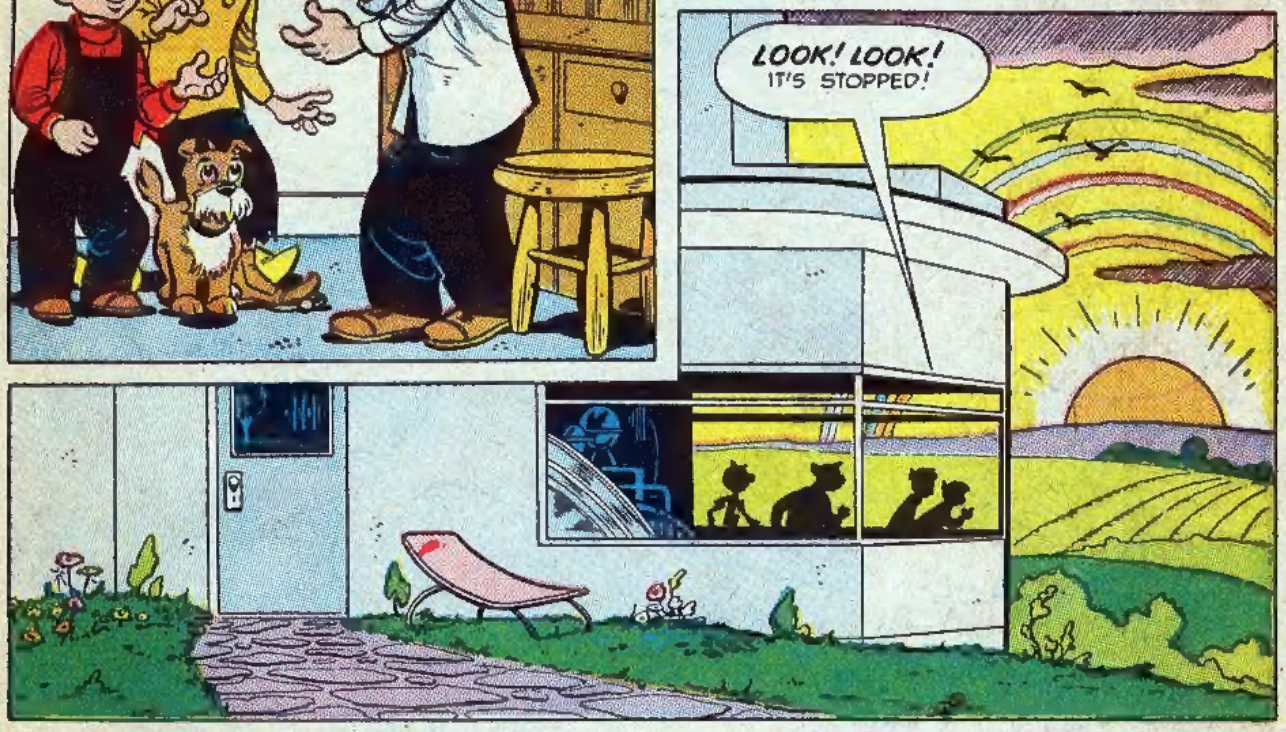
RIGHT!
SHOCK-EEEEK!

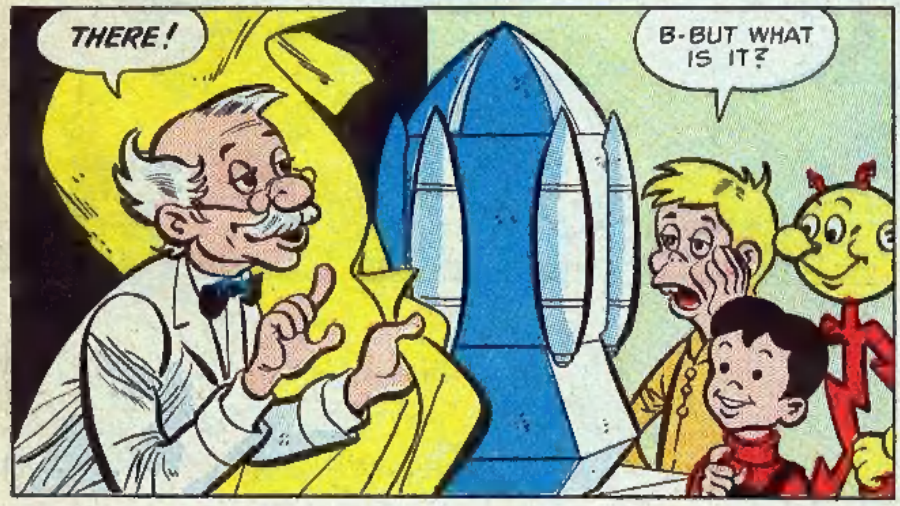

SO YOU SEE... YOU MUST BE AS CAREFUL FLYING KITES AS YOU ARE IN OTHER THINGS.
NOW WHATTA WE DO?
HEY, MAYBE THE PROFESSOR HAS FINISHED HIS SURPRISE!

SWELL! LET'S GO SEE!

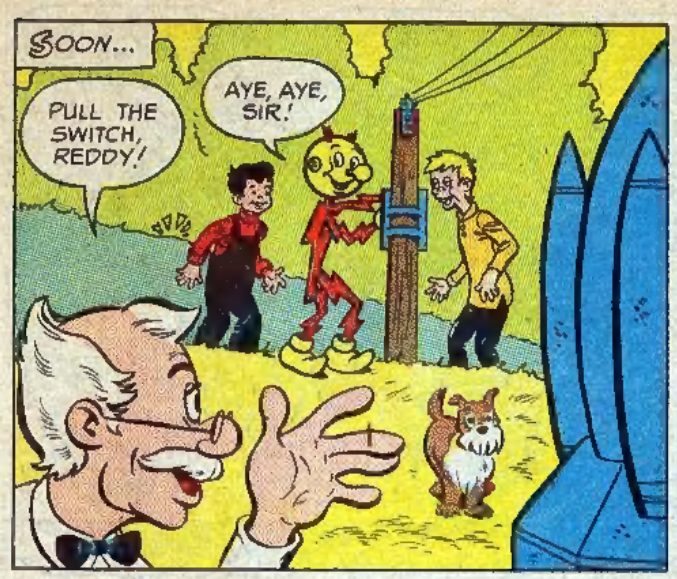

LATER, IN THE LABORATORY...
GOSH, PROFESSOR, CAN WE SEE THE SURPRISE?
WELL, BOYS... IT'S FINISHED BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT.


WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S STILL RAINING.

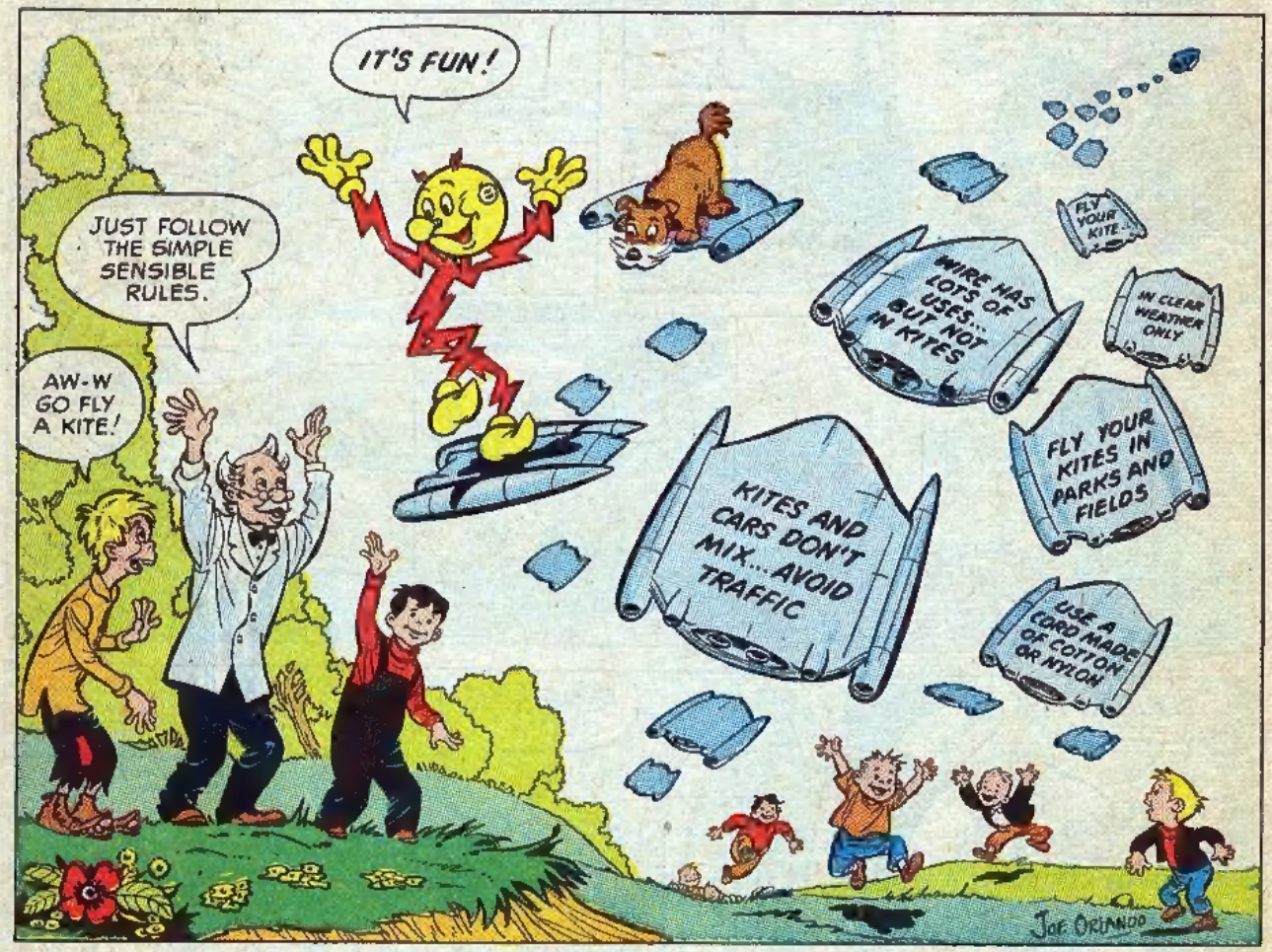

LOOK! LOOK! IT'S STOPPED!


THERE!
B-BUT WHAT IS IT?

OH, YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH! HELP ME GET IT OUTSIDE.


SOON...
PULL THE SWITCH, REDDY!
AYE, AYE, SIR!

IT WORKS, REDDY, IT WORKS!
WOW! A SPACE KITE!
WHOOOSH!
I KNEW YOU'D DO IT, PROFESSOR- BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET- LOOK EVERYBODY!


IT'S FUN!
JUST FOLLOW THE SIMPLE SENSIBLE RULES.
AW-W GO FLY A KITE!
WIRE HAS LOTS OF USES... BUT NOT IN KITES
FLY YOUR KITE...
IN CLEAR WEATHER ONLY
FLY YOUR KITES IN PARKS AND FIELDS
KITES AND CARS DON'T MIX... AVOID TRAFFIC
USE A CORD MADE OF COTTON OR NYLON
JOE ORLANDO